

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 16-24 are active in this application. Support for these claims is found in original Claims 1-15, Figure 13, and the specification as originally filed. No new matter is added by the addition of these claims.

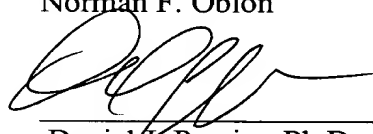
Applicants thank the Examiner for the helpful discussion held with Applicants' undersigned U.S. representative on September 10, 2004. During the discussion, particularly claim language was discussed to more clearly define the claimed inventions. The claims submitted herein are reflective of the substance of that discussion.

The rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph is obviated by the cancellation of Claims 16-24. The language which the Examiner deemed to be unclear has either been altered or removed from the new claims. Accordingly, withdrawal of this ground of rejection is requested.

Applicants also request allowance of this application.

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